

# **EXHIBIT A**

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**United States District Court  
Northern District of Illinois**

In the Matter of

Washington, et al

v.

Case No. 05 C 1007

Ameriquest Mortgage, et al

Designated Magistrate Judge  
Morton Denlow

**FINDING OF RELATEDNESS PURSUANT TO  
LOCAL RULE 40.4**

In accordance with the provisions of Local Rule 40.4 of this Court, I find the above captioned case, presently pending on the calendar of Judge David H. Coar to be related to 05C7097(MDL-1715, which is pending on my calendar. Accordingly, I request that the Executive Committee order said case to be reassigned to my calendar as a related case.

  
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Judge Marvin Aspen

Dated: January 25, 2008

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**ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above captioned case be reassigned to the calendar of Judge Marvin Aspen.

**ENTER**

**FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

  
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Chief Judge James F. Holderman

Dated JAN 25 2008